



# Give your employees the support they need. Introduce them to the Health Coverage Tax Credit.

Has your company recently been trade certified? If so, your employees and their families may qualify for the HCTC. You can use the information below to help them apply for a federal tax credit that covers 80% of qualified health insurance premiums.

## Who can receive the Health Coverage Tax Credit (HCTC)?

People who receive Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) – including Reemployment and Alternative TAA- and are enrolled in a qualified health plan.

## What health plans qualify?

- COBRA.
- State-qualified plans. State-qualified health plans meet certain state-defined criteria. For a complete list of
  qualified plans, visit our website.
- Coverage under a spouse's plan. To qualify for the HCTC the employee's spouse must pay more than 50% of the plan's premium.

## How is the HCTC different from the 65% COBRA Subsidy?

The HCTC is completely separate from the 65% COBRA Premium Reduction. Employees can't receive the HCTC **and** the premium reduction during the same month, but they can opt out of the 65% COBRA subsidy to receive the 80% HCTC, which they can apply to their COBRA plan. It is IMPORTANT that employees DO NOT opt out of COBRA.

## How can you help?

- Add the Important Information for TAA Recipients sheet to any layoff communications.
- Share information on qualified health plans.
- Encourage COBRA Health Plan Administrators (HPAs) to contact the HCTC program to receive monthly HCTC payments on behalf of your former employees.

#### Who can you contact if you have questions?

- Visit www.irs.gov (Search: HCTC)
- Call the Customer Contact Center toll-free at 1-866-628-HCTC (4282)
- Email us at wi.hctc.stakehldr.en@irs.gov.

